

Attending in Helena: Jo Ann Dotson, Ann Buss, Katie Ryan, Mallory Quigley, Veronica Newhart, Hank Hudson from the Director's Office, Robin Suzor, and Jamie Palagi.

Representatives from Counties and other organizations attending via conference call: Cascade, Custer, Deer Lodge, Flathead, Gallatin, Hill, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Missoula, Musselshell, Roosevelt, Sanders, Silver Bow, Valley and Yellowstone. Other organizations or individuals included: Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies, Mary Jane Standaert (Head Start Collaboration Office), Jackie Jandt (AMDD), Betsy Cornell (Great Falls School District); WORD; and Betty Hildago.

Jo Ann led the meeting with an introduction to the new Federal legislation for promoting Home Health Visiting programs; Affordable Care Act (ACA) Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program. It offers nearly 90 million dollars in the U.S. and Montana's portion will be around \$651,999. It is important to note that the ACA funding is directly tied to the MCH Block Grant /Title V Program whereas states who do not submit an application for Phase One and Two will not receive their 2011 MCH Block Grant allocation.

Three phases of the new HV Grant are

- 1) Initial submission on July 9, committing to conducting a Needs Assessment, a plan for the Needs Assessment, a plan for developing the program. Guidance for Needs Assessment will be out in August.
- 2) September 1 submission of the Needs Assessment, risk factors identified, and capacity of existing programs identified and reported.
- 3) Application for Grant submission date is not yet set; it will be sometime in Oct 2010 or soon afterwards.

The grant requires that the Governor designate the agency to oversee the ASA Grant and the following letters of concurrence be submitted with the July 9th application from:

- Director of the State's Title V agency;
- Director of the State's agency for Title II of CAPTA;
- Director of the State's Single State Agency for Substance Abuse Services; and,
- Director of the State's Head Start State Collaboration Office.)

Jo Ann provided information about the "probable" acceptable models of PHHV and information that Federal Government is firm in its "requirement" that the state adapt evidence-based model that has undergone rigorous evaluation that includes, random controlled models and has at a minimum 3 years of data. The models being suggested include:

- Parents as Teachers,
- Nurse Family Partnership,
- Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY)
- Healthy Families America (HFA); and,

- Parent Child Home Program.

The guidance as to the state being required to select one model or several models is slated for publication in the near future. Jo Ann emphasized that if MT were to select several models, the Federal expectation would be for the state to develop a rigorous evaluation procedure.

Montana has public health home visiting program (PHHV/MIAMI), but does not follow a particular model, rather it is a general hybrid form of PHHV. The PHHV/MIAMI Reassessment project that was recently completed, explored the aforementioned models, and came close to recommending that the Parents as Teacher's Model be used.

FCHB is researching/compiling a "grid" of the 5 evidence based models mentioned for review. It will allow the counties/ entities to consider different aspects of all models to compare. Mallory will be putting that together ASAP and we will post it on the website.

Jo Ann stressed the importance of identifying agencies and organizations that are performing HV, to better assess Montana's capacity to meet the needs of Montanan's MCH population and address the grant requirements. The local county health departments, 55 of 56, that have completed the Pre-Contract Survey have provided 24 additional names of community entities that are also providing Home Visiting Services.

The FCHB will develop a survey (to be posted on survey monkey) for these entities, to complete. Additionally, the FCHB will post this list on the webpage and welcome other community entities providing home visiting services. Additional contact information should be sent to the email address (also on the webpage). The FCHB will also survey these additional contacts in re their home visiting services, capacity, etc. The contact information should include:

- Contact Name, title if known, and Name of Organization
- Email address
- Phone number

Several participants shared their concerns, which included:

- Need for improved coordination of services, transitioning of services, and avoid duplication of services
- Need for a data system to show outcomes
- Focus on rural and frontier (Montana) therefore need to use a variety of programs or we/MT should develop a model for our state, so do not use a "set model"
- Training is important and should consider bringing the training to the communities
- Need consider sustainability and ongoing training needs
- Might need to consider regional collaboration between the counties in order to perform the services that are required by the grant and address the identified needs of the MCH population targeted by the new grant.

Jo Ann stressed that we have to develop an evaluation plan for each program model we select to follow. FCHB will post information on our website FCHB.MT.GOV and will setup a mailbox specifically for this - the email address is HHS HV MCH Grant.